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Representative Paper of Gila County.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

For county offices, \$7; for precinct
offices, \$3.50.

For Sheriff.

WM. SPARKS announces himself a
candidate for the office of Sheriff of
Gila county, subject to the result of
the democratic primary election to be
held August 23, 1902.

J. N. SEAR announces himself a
candidate for the office of Sheriff of
Gila county, subject to the result of
the democratic primary election, Au-
gust 23, 1902.

R. J. WILLIAMS announces himself a
candidate for the office of Sheriff of
Gila county, subject to the result of
the democratic primary election, to be
held August 23, 1902.

LEE MIDELETON announces himself
a candidate for the office of Sheriff of
Gila county, subject to the result of
the democratic primary election, to be
held August 23, 1902.

D. S. HERON announces himself a
candidate for the office of Sheriff of
Gila county, subject to the result of
the democratic primary election, to be
held August 23, 1902.

W. D. CLAYPOOL announces himself
a candidate for the office of Sheriff of
Gila county, subject to the result of
the democratic primary election, to be
held August 23, 1902.

Recorder.

A. T. HAMMONS announces himself a
candidate for the office of Recorder of
Gila county, subject to the result of
the democratic primary election to be
held August 23, 1902.

O. H. BRY announces himself a candi-
date for the office of Recorder of
Gila county, subject to the result of
the democratic primary election, Au-
gust 23, 1902.

Probate Judge.

P. C. ROBERTSON announces himself
a candidate for the office of Probate
Judge of Gila county, subject to the
result of the democratic primary elec-
tion, August 23, 1902.

For Supervisor.

DAVID DEVORE announces himself a
candidate for the office of Supervisor
of Gila county, subject to the result of
the democratic primary election, to be
held August 23, 1902.

ARTHUR FRANCIS announces himself
a candidate for the office of Supervisor
of Gila county, subject to the result of
the democratic primary election to be
held August 23, 1902.

J. P. McNEIL announces himself a
candidate for the office of supervisor
of Gila county, subject to the result of
the democratic primary election to be
held August 23, 1902.

N. H. LIVINGSTON announces him-
self a candidate for the office of super-
visor of Gila county, subject to the
result of the democratic primary elec-
tion to be held August 23, 1902.

In fairness to all candidates whose
announcements appear in the SILVER
BELT previous to August 23rd, the
date of the democratic primaries, we
will omit any expression of opinion of
the qualifications of the several aspir-
ants for office. However, we have
decided to give to each one the privi-
lege of using a space of fifteen lines in
a single issue of this paper, in which
they can make individual appeals to
the party voters for support. If state-
ments exceed fifteen lines, the excess
will be charged for at our regular rate
for reading notices.

It is now claimed that better beef is
being delivered to England than Ameri-
cans can buy for the same money at
home. This is almost as great a pub-
lic injustice as any that moved the thir-
teen colonies to revolt.

Now it is said the San Carlos dam
will not be among the first irrigation
works undertaken by the federal gov-
ernment. Secretary Hitchcock is in-
clined to start two or three smaller
projects before inaugurating work on
the larger ones.

W. P. Morey has announced that he
is a candidate for supervisor, subject
to the will of the democratic party.
As he was in open revolt two years ago,
it is not probable that democratic voters
will consider his aspiration for office
this year with any degree of favor.

It is announced that Delegate Mark
Smith has only partially recovered from
the attack of illness which prostrated

him while he was making his able
plea in the house of representatives for
the admission of the territories to state-
hood, and upon the advice of his
physicians, he will go to Carlsbad to
take a course of treatment at the
famous German springs. It is sincerely
hoped that Mr. Smith will return to
Arizona in October fully restored to
health.

The newspapers of America have a
true and substantial friend in Arch-
bishop Ireland, whose tribute to the
press in his address before the National
Educational association at Minneapolis
was both generous and emphatic.
"Journalism that is honest and honor-
able," he said, "is one of the nation's
most precious inheritances," and he
declared that the great majority of our
newspapers are of that character. In
the popular outcry against sensational
newspapers, shallow minds are prone
to condemn the press generally, losing
sight of the far more numerous class
of newspapers that adhere to accuracy
of statement in recording the news
and which are conservative in their ed-
itorial utterances. It can not be gain-
said that the influence of the modern
newspaper in molding public opinion
and correcting the abuses of govern-
ment has been greater than any other
single factor in our social and political
life.

GILA COUNTY LEADS IN POLIT- ICAL REFORM.

The Bisbee Review in an editorial
under the above caption, says: "The
democratic central committee in Gila
county has taken the lead in deciding
to hold a primary election, instead of
a delegate convention, for the nomina-
tion of candidates on the democratic
ticket. The action should be applauded
by the people of the entire territory.

"The adoption of the primary elec-
tion system of nomination means the
curtailment of the power of political
machines, which should be desirable at
all times."

After quoting what the SILVER BELT
said editorially on this subject last
week, the Review concludes as follows:

"The BELT is right. There can be
no objection to the primaries and none
will be urged by anybody who is will-
ing to trust their chances to the ex-
pressed will of voters.

"By the primary system one of the
good results will be to shut out the po-
litical trickster who never shows up as
a candidate until the day of the conven-
tion. All who desire a place on the
party ticket will be forced into the open
and compelled to exhibit himself to the
public estimation before he receives
any endorsement. Every candidate will
be forced to lay his record, good or bad,
on the altar of public inspection, where
the party voters will have the opportu-
nity to approve its virtues and con-
demn its iniquities.

"It is to be hoped that every democ-
ratic committee in Arizona will follow
the example of Gila county by the
adoption of the primary plan for the
selection of the county tickets and for
every other purpose of securing a party
expression. Such a course will promote
harmony and do away with charges of
fraud and trickery, so common after
every delegate convention, where nomi-
nations are often controlled by a few
men."

Immediately after the enactment of
the national irrigation law, the SILVER
BELT expressed the opinion that the
operation of the law would be slow and
the resulting benefits to Arizona long
deferred. This view is confirmed by
no less an authority than Frederick
Haynes Newell, chief of the division
of hydrography of the geological sur-
vey, upon whom the administration of
the law practically devolves. Mr. New-
ell declares that the reclamation of the
arid lands of the United States is the
work of a century, and at best it will
be two or three years before the actual
work of construction will be begun in
any locality. The first work to be done
is the surveying of proposed sites and
the taking of observations by govern-
ment engineers who are to report in
detail. Parties of this character are
now working in California, Oregon,
Washington, Montana, Utah, Nevada,
Idaho, Arizona and Colorado. When
reports have been received the data
will be forwarded to Washington as
rapidly as collected, and there it will
be classified, the merits of each propo-
sition compared with those of other
locations, and the conclusions of the
experts presented to the secretary of
the interior. The work which will be
begun first will doubtless be on the
site which presents the best prospects
of good results and shows the most
natural advantages.

The fulminations of political leaders
against the trusts have not disturbed
the captains of industry. Retaining,

as they do, the very best legal advisers,
they have doubtless long been aware of
the defects and weaknesses of the Sher-
man anti-trust law, which, it is alleged,
President Roosevelt has only very re-
cently discovered, and which is now
given as the reason for abandoning the
suit against several of the big monop-
olies announced with such voluble as-
surance. All the froth and fume about
attacking the trusts has resolved into
thin air that is not even hot, and it is
now given out that the president will
content himself with calling the atten-
tion of congress to the need of more
stringent legislation to control trade
combinations believed to be prejudicial
to the public welfare. The positive
refusal of the majority in congress to
consider any anti-trust measure during
the last session is the best indication of
the influence that the president's re-
commendation on the trust question
will have with the republican leaders.
Having gained about all the political
capital possible by his spectacular but
harmless opposition to trusts, the pre-
sident has dismissed the question of
prosecutions with the statement that
he does not believe in legal fireworks.

His Chief Solicitude.

"How do you think you stand with
the voters in your town?"
"I never trouble myself about that,"
answered Senator Sorghum; "but I
stand all right with the men who con-
trol the voters."—Washington Star.

Territorial Democratic Convention

Headquarters of Territorial Democratic
Central Committee,
Prescott, Ariz., July 7, 1902.

A territorial democratic convention is here-
by called to meet in Tucson, on Wednesday,
September 3, 1902, at 10 o'clock a. m., to select
a candidate for delegate to congress, a ter-
ritorial central committee, and for the transac-
tion of such other business as may properly
come before the convention.

All democratic, conservative, reform, citi-
zens of the territory, irrespective of former
party affiliations, who can unite with us in an
effort for a pure, economical, constitutional
government, are cordially invited to join with
us in sending delegates to the convention.

The respective county democratic central
committees of the territory are directed to
call county conventions for the purpose,
among other things, of selecting delegates to
attend the territorial convention, as follows:
One delegate for every fifty votes, or a major
fraction thereof, cast for Hon. Marcus A.
Smith for delegate to congress in 1900.

The number of delegates, by counties, each
county is entitled to send to the territorial
convention is as follows:
Vote for Hon. Marcus A. Smith for delegate
to congress, November 6, 1900:

County.	Vote.	No. Dele- gates.
Apache.....	213	4
Cochise.....	304	6
Cocconino.....	436	9
Gila.....	618	12
Graham.....	504	10
Maricopa.....	1,795	36
Mohave.....	424	8
Navajo.....	333	6
Pima.....	1,027	20
Pinal.....	384	8
Santa Cruz.....	281	6
Yavapai.....	1,113	22
Yuma.....	471	9
Total.....	8,664	113

The Territorial Committee recommend that
proxies be recognized by said convention only
when held by residents of the respective coun-
ties from which said proxies are sent.

The Territorial Committee unanimously re-
commend to the respective county central
committees of the several counties of the
territory that in selecting the method by
which candidates for the respective county
offices are to be chosen, that they elect to
have such candidates chosen in accordance
with the primary election law of the territory
provided by paragraphs 2436 to 2448, Revised
Statutes of Arizona.

By order of the Territorial Democratic Cen-
tral Committee. E. E. ELLINWOOD,
Chairman.

FRANK P. TROTT, Sec'y.

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